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SUBJECT: NOMINATION PRESS SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 14, 1975

1. CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH ASSERTS PRES "COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A WORSE TIME OR A WORSE CANDIDATE" FOR CIA JOB, "HOWEVER IMPECCABLE IS BUSH'S INTEGRITY. THIS SHOE SIMPLY DOESN'T FIT." NO ONE DOUBTS EITHER BUSH "INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY OR HIS TRACK RECORD AS A DECENT HUMAN BEING. . . THE ISSUE IS HIS LACK OF EXPERTISE IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD. AND, MORE IMPORTANT, THE FACT THAT NO WAY CAN HE BE CONSIDERED A NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FOR WHAT SHOULD BE, IF NEVER BEFORE, A NONPARTISAN POST."

2. WICKER (NYT) MAINTAINS DOD, CIA DIFFER IN THAT FORMER, ALMOST BY ITS NATURE, CANNOT BE KEPT OUT OF POLITICS, WHILE LATTER MUST BE. SEES CONGRESSIONAL DEMS JUSTIFIED IN SEEKING FROM BUSH REASONABLE ASSURANCES HE WILL NOT BE SNATCHED FROM AGENCY TO GOP TICKET NEXT YEAR; BUT QUITE ANOTHER THING TO ASSUME BUSH COULD NOT BE TRUSTED TO KEEP CIA OUT OF POLITICS. SUGGESTS BUSH'S POLITICAL EXPERIENCE--BACKED BY ESSENTIALLY NONPARTISAN SERVICE AT UN AND IN PRC--MIGHT EVEN BE ASSET AT CIA. KISSINGER
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